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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

AUGUSTA, GA.

Nuisances. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 29, 1914.)

SECTION 1. That the following facts and things shall be, and are hereby, declared to be nuisances dangerous to human life or to health, and whatever renders the ground, air, food, or water unwholesome and an injury to human health is prohibited:

SEC. 2. The casting, throwing, draining, or discharging, or causing to be cast, thrown, drained, or discharged into any public street or highway, gutter, alley, catch basin (sand trap), yard, or other public place or private grounds within the city of Augusta, any slops, kitchen water, laundry water, sewage, waste or rain water, swill, or filth shall be deemed, and hereby is declared, to be a nuisance; and all ponds, pools, or stagnant water, all heaps and quantities of manure or filth of any kind, any accumulation or deposit of offal or of any decaying animal or vegetable matter in or upon any lot of land near any inhabited dwelling house or any public street or highway, alley, or other public or private place within said city, is declared to be a nuisance; and every person, firm, or corporation creating or maintaining, or aiding in the creation or maintenance of, any such nuisance shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than \$5 for every such offense, and in the case of continuing offense shall be liable to a further penalty of \$10 for each and every day after written notice of the offense has been given by the board of health.

SEC. 3. Other nuisances within the city are hereby defined and declared to be, and they shall include and embrace: Placing, depositing, or maintaining in or upon any street or alley, or in or upon any public or private property, any dead animal, or any part of same, filth from privies, or garbage; also any full or overflowing privy or other receptacle for filth; also permitting any manure to be deposited upon any lawn, lot, or place within the city and left exposed; the carrying and transporting bones, hides, fish, offal, or other animal or vegetable substance in a decomposed and offensive condition; any garbage, swill, or other offensive or decomposing solid or fluid matter or substance in which the same may be conveyed or carried through any street or alley, unless the same shall be inclosed in tight and closely covered cans or carts. Every nuisance as above defined is hereby prohibited and forbidden within the city, and any person or persons, firm, or corporation making, causing, maintaining, or permitting any of said nuisances shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than \$10 nor greater than \$50.

SEC. 4. No animal or vegetable substance, swill, garbage, street cleaning, or any offensive material, either separately or mixed with ashes or rubbish, shall be deposited on or used to fill in or raise the surface level of any ground, lot, or street.

SEC. 5. Any imperfect trap, sink, or water-closet within any house or yard, or any other drainage appliance or fixture within any yard or house from which there shall arise any foul or obnoxious odor or gas detrimental to human health, is hereby declared to be a nuisance; and any person or persons or corporation who shall refuse or neglect to repair or make perfect any defect in

any drainage appliance or any part of the soil pipe or waste pipe, or any fixture, sink basin, water-closet, or trap attached to said waste pipe or soil pipe, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than \$5 nor greater than \$25.

SEC. 6. Any person or persons or corporation owning any lot or lots bordering on a public or private sewer are required to drain such lot or lots by an underground drain or sewer, with an efficient trap at the opening in each lot to prevent sand or solid substance from being washed into the conduit. The occupant of every lot shall empty all liquid household wastes and washwaters into this sewer, and shall see that the trap is kept clean and the cover of the trap kept closed.

SEC. 7. Any person or corporation who has built, or shall in future build, any drain or sewer in a lot or street in this city, or who shall in anywise use or control such drain or sewer, shall cleanse the same whenever it shall be in an unhealthy condition. The sanitary inspector shall notify the owner or person controlling such uncleanly sewer to clean out same in such time as the health officer may direct; and for every failure to comply with such notice a fine of not exceeding \$25 shall be imposed for each day said nuisance shall continue thereafter.

SEC. 8. That any dwelling house or building wherein people live, congregate, or assemble which is deficient in ventilation, drainage, or other provision essential to health, or is below grade so as to render the walls thereof damp and the rooms unhealthy shall be considered a nuisance.

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SEC. 15. To beat, brush, shake, or otherwise clean carpets, rugs, or hangings, or renovate old mattresses in any yard, street, alley, or public place in the city of Augusta is forbidden.

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SEC. 30. In case of failure or omission of any owner, agent, or occupant of house, lot, or land to abate any nuisance upon written notice from the board of health to them or their agent within the time specified, the board of health may proceed to abate the nuisance at the expense of the owner or occupant, and as soon as the expense is ascertained, execution shall issue for the same and the amount be levied on and made from his or her or their property.

Premises—Care of. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 29, 1914.)

SEC. 9. Any lot which is unclean, filthy, or offensive shall be abated at once by the tenant in charge, unless there be more than one occupant of the lot, or it be a vacant lot, when it becomes the duty of the owner or agent to abate same in the time required. All grass or weeds in yard or lot shall be cut and removed upon written notice from the board of health.

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SEC. 22. Inspectors shall see that all cellars are whitewashed, and the floors thereof freely limed whenever notified by the health officer to do so, which must be at least once yearly. The foregoing is to be done by the tenant in possession. All cellars holding water shall be pumped out and kept dry by the owner of the property.

Spitting—Prohibited in Public Places. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 29, 1914.)

SEC. 10. Spitting on any sidewalk, floor of a public building, or street car in this city is a nuisance, dangerous to health. Any person violating this ordinance will be punished by the recorder by a fine of from \$1 to \$5. Policemen, janitors, conductors, and sanitary officers shall see that this ordinance is enforced.